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## News Release

### Bacterial Infection At Clearfield Job Corps

(Farmington, Utah) – Officials from the Davis County Health Department and the Utah

Department of Health (UDOH) are working closely together to prevent the spread of a potentially severe infection involving two students at the Clearfield Job Corps Center. The infection, caused by bacteria known as *Neisseria meningitidis*, is contagious and serious.

The incubation period for this infection is 2 – 10 days.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sent a staff member to Utah to assist in the local investigation process to better understand the spread of this bacterial infection in an institutional setting.

Eleven days ago, Davis County Health Department staff members were notified and responded to investigate a male adult student's illness and to identify who may be at risk. Individuals who had been in close, direct contact (such as kissing, sharing water bottles, eating utensils or cigarettes, etc.) were given antibiotics as a precaution. Laboratory tests confirmed the student had invasive Meningococcal disease due to *Neisseria meningitidis*. He remains hospitalized in Salt Lake City.

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Four days ago, the Health Department staff was informed of a female adult student who had been hospitalized during the weekend and then returned to the infirmary at the Clearfield Job Corps Center. Her blood test showed she also had the Neisseria meningitidis infection. An investigation immediately began to trace her close, direct contacts. No direct link has been found between these two students. The Davis County Health Department staff continues its investigation.

As a precautionary measure, more than 1,150 students will receive an antibiotic and a meningococcal vaccine starting this afternoon (Thursday, May 12th). In addition, 450 Job Corps staff will be given the opportunity to receive the antibiotic and vaccine at no charge. These medications are being provided by the Job Corps and will be administered by the Davis County Health Department staff.

The Clearfield Job Corps Center medical staff is monitoring the students at the campus for symptoms such as severe headache, fever, stiff neck, sore throat, intense cough, nausea/vomiting, body rash, mental confusion, irritability and drowsiness. At this point, there isn't any indication that this bacterial infection has spread beyond the students.

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